

# How to Hack Wi-Fi: Creating an **Evil Twin Wireless Access Point to** Eavesdrop on Data



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Our first task will be to creating an **evil twin access point**. Many new hackers are anxious to crack Wi-Fi passwords to gain some free bandwidth (don't worry, we'll get to that), but there are so many other Wi-Fi hacks that are far more powerful and put so much more at risk than a bit of bandwidth.

#### What's an Evil Twin AP?

The evil twin AP is an access point that looks and acts just like a legitimate AP and entices the end-user to connect to *our* access point. Our aircrack-ng suite has a tool, airbase-ng, that can be used to convert our wireless adapter into an access point. This is a powerful client-side hack that will enable us to see all of the traffic from the client and conduct a man-in-the middle attack.

#### What We'll Be Doing

In this scenario, we are a private investigator. We've been asked by a client to investigate the possibility that their neighbor is downloading and selling child pornography. They've asked us to investigate and determine whether he actually is, and if so, to collect evidence.



Step 1: Start Airmon-Ng



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• bt > iwconfig



As we can see, our wireless card is operational and has been assigned wlan0. Our next step is to put our wireless card into monitor or promiscuous mode. We can do this simply by:

bt >airmon-ng start wlan0



Airmon-ng has put our wireless into monitor mode and renamed it to mon0. Now our wireless card is capable of seeing all the wireless traffic.

#### Step 2: Start Airdump-Ng

Our next step is to begin capturing traffic on our wireless card. We do this by typing:

• bt > airodump-ng mon0



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We can see all the wireless access points in our range along with all their vital statistics. The neighbor that we suspect of downloading and selling child porn is on an AP with the SSID "Elroy."

If we do everything right, we can clone his AP and get him to connect to our evil twin. When he does that, we'll be able to see all of his traffic, as well as potentially inserting our own packets/messages/code into his computer.

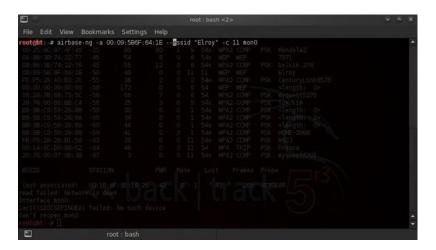
## Step 3: Wait for the Suspect to Connect

Now we just wait for the suspect to connect to his wireless access point. When he does, it will appear in the lower part of the airodump-ng screen.

#### Step 4: Create a New AP with Same SSID & MAC Address

Once he has connected to his AP, we can use airbase-ng to create a fake, or evil twin, of his AP. We can do this by opening a new terminal and typing:

bt > airbase-ng -a 00:09:5B:6F:64:1E --essid "Elroy" -c 11 mon0



Where *00:09:5B:6F:64:1E* is the BSSID, *Elroy* is the SSID, and *-c 11* is the channel of the suspect's AP.

## Step 5: Deauthentication or Bumping Him Off

Our next step is to bump the "neighbor" off his access point. The 802.11 standard has a special frame called deauthentication that, as you might

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Yes, i read that tutorials too, and practiced them, but the both ways are effective, and i was asking if i can or any one can do one of these and tell me.

expect, deauthenticates everyone on the access point. When his computer tries to re-authenticate, he will automatically reconnect to the strongest AP with the ESSID of "Elroy."

We can do this by using aireplay-ng with the deauth packet:

#### bt > aireplay-ng --deauth 0 -a 00:09:5B:6F:1E

Note that we once again used his BSSID in the aireplay-ng command. If our signal is stronger than his own AP, he will automatically reconnect to our evil twin!

#### Step 6: Turn Up the Power!

The crucial link in the evil twin hack is to make certain that our fake AP is closer or stronger than the original or authentic AP. This could be a critical weakness when physical access is unavailable. In airports and other public places, this is no problem, but in our scenario here, we don't have physical access and it's very likely that his AP is closer and stronger than ours. Don't let this deter us!

First, we can turn up the power on our access point in attempt to be stronger than his. Even next door, this may work as most access points automatically down-regulate their power to the minimum necessary to maintain a connection to its clients. We can boost our AP to maximum power by typing;

#### iwconfig wlan0 txpower 27

This command will boost our power output to the maximum legally allowable in the United States, 27 dBm or 500 milliwatts.

In some cases, even boosting power to 500 mWs may prove to be inadequate. If we try to turn up the power to the maximum on our Alfa wireless cards—1,000 mWs or 30 dBm—we get the error message below (some of the newer cards can actually transmit at 2,000 mWs or four times what is legally allowable in the U.S.).

#### iwconfig wlan0 txpower 30



Note: This next step is illegal in the U.S., so be careful using it unless you have specific permission or are a member of law enforcement.

Every nation has its own set of Wi-Fi regulations. Some allow more power and more channels than the U.S. For instance, Bolivia allows the use of channel 12 and a full 1,000 mWs of power. We can get our Alfa card to use Bolivian regulations by simply typing:

• iw reg set BO

Now that we are in Bolivian regulatory domain, we can boost our power to its maximum by typing:

iwconfig wlan0 txpower 30



Check output power by typing:

iwconfig



And we can now see at the end of the second line that our power is now up to 30 dBm or 1000 milliwatts, enough to overwhelm all the other local access points even from several houses away!

#### The Evil Twin Is Now Working

Now that we have our neighbor connected to our AP, we can take the next steps toward detecting his activity.

We can use software like Ettercap to conduct a man-in-the middle attack. This way, we can intercept, analyze, and even inject traffic to this user. In

other words, because he has connected to our AP, we have almost total access to his data both coming and going. If he really is downloading or selling child porn, we can intercept it.

We also should be able to intercept email and passwords to other applications and networks. We could even inject a meterpreter or other listener into his system for further access and control.

## Stay Tuned...

Make sure to check back on our **Wi-Fi Hacking** series, because even more wireless hacks are coming! If you have any questions, please comment below or start a discussion in the Null Byte forum and we'll try to help you out.

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Hi, very nice how to...

I have two question, first maybe is a little bit obvious but I want to be sure, i have to connect BT to the internet to see what is he doing, that's right?

My second question is, with this method I'm able to capture and know the password of his Wi-Fi? or just see what is he doing in the internet.

Thank you so much for show us how this work, I have a vague idea of this.

Brian.

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Hi Brian:

The first question is an excellent one. You hacking system must be connected to the internet.

As for your second question, you will able to see all his unencrypted traffic, but you will not get his Wi-Fi password. We'll get to that soon.

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